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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

KYLIE HEAD, QC



2013-2014 has been a busy and expanding year for our Branch. I kept a bullet point list of things that I did as President this past year, and the list grew to be seven pages long. Instead of submitting that list, I am going to touch briefly on a number of themes that were important to me this year.

One of my goals as President was to strengthen our Council meetings - not only to increase attendance, but to increase engagement between Council members. I am pleased to report that our total annual attendance at Council is up by 30% as compared to last year's attendance. One example of a substantive topic tackled by Council this year was CBA President Fred Headon hosting a session on the CBA Legal Futures initiative. This session gave Saskatchewan lawyers the opportunity to participate in the Legal Futures consultations.

National released the *Reaching Equal Justice* report in August. Our Branch has been very supportive of National's work on access to justice issues. I represented CBA Saskatchewan at meetings of the new Dean's Forum on Dispute Resolution and the Justice System. This Forum brings together many participants working inside the justice system – the Courts, Saskatchewan Justice, the College of Law, Legal Aid Saskatchewan, The Law Society of Saskatchewan, and Collaborative Lawyers of Saskatchewan, among others – to discuss innovation and access to justice. It is important that Saskatchewan's legal community develops a permanent mechanism to have access to justice deliberations. The CBA must be a strong contributor to those discussions. We are considering setting up a CBA Saskatchewan Access to Justice Committee to support this process. I also was co-sponsored by the CBA and Saskatchewan Justice to attend the American Bar Association (ABA) Equal Justice Conference in Portland, Oregon, to learn about access to justice innovations being pursued by the ABA.

I continue to be particularly interested in the future of rural practice and access to justice in rural Saskatchewan. This year the Branch sponsored a bus trip for law students to visit Moose Jaw and learn what life might be like for them if they were to choose to article there. We hosted a roundtable discussion on Rural Initiatives in our province at the Council Meeting that occurred during the Mid-Winter Meeting (when we knew rural lawyers were more likely to be in attendance). The Membership Chair, Loreley Berra, and I also visited the North East Bar Association to talk to them about what issues they are facing and how the CBA could be of greater use to them. We investigated the use of Skype or similar technology for our Council meetings but the cost is still prohibitive.

Another of my goals that was successfully tackled was to significantly expand Law Day events in our province. I especially wanted to have more balance between the events offered in Regina and Saskatoon, since our events historically tended to be more focused on Saskatoon. I recruited some new committee members from Regina who planned new events in both major centers. A special thanks to all the Law Day Committee members for their hard work.

It is very important that the Branch continues to build on our relationship with students at the College of Law. We need to establish our relevance and value early in the career of a law student. I led or participated in the following events at the College of Law.

- Served as a “cloaker” in the official first year law students welcoming ceremony.
- Brought greetings at the CBA Wine & Cheese Reception, where students meet the Executive and other CBA members and buy their student memberships.
- Brought greetings at our 10th annual CBA Saskatchewan Law Firm Showcase, which highlighted Saskatchewan law firms and the benefits of practicing in Saskatchewan. We work hard to recruit lawyers from throughout Saskatchewan, especially rural lawyers, to attend this event. I previously organized six of the 10 annual Showcases, so it was a highlight of this year for me to attend the event as President.
- Designed and presented at a new first year student orientation session attended by approximately 100 students.
- Spoke on a panel at the College of Law called “Candid Conversations: Succeeding in the Practice of Law”.
- Together with the Executive Director, met with representatives of the Law Students' Association and Aboriginal Law Students' Association to get their input on CBA student activities.

Our Mid-Winter Meeting continues to be a success with over 250 lawyers registered for the event and 5 streams of educational sessions provided. My roles at the Mid-Winter included attending the reception with exhibitors, introduction of speakers, hosting the President's Forum and serving as master of ceremonies at the Distinguished Service Awards Luncheon.

It was a busy year for our CBA National Board. Nationally, the CBA is in a time of change, with significant changes to the membership fee structure being implemented this year. The National board has been engaged in a communications audit to determine where CBA National should invest and what matters most to members. The CBA has also been in the media frequently speaking out in defense of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada. The National Equality Committee and the National Board are working to develop specific plans to enhance diversity in CBA's leadership.

Also on the National front, I served as a member at large of the Executive Committee of the Public Sector Lawyers Forum. The Executive meets monthly via conference call. My work involved assisting with strategic planning for the Forum. This year we also started a new free monthly CPD teleconference series for public lawyers. From Saskatchewan, I arranged for Brent Cotter, QC, to speak on whether public sector lawyers have higher ethical duties than other lawyers. I was also involved in helping to plan our session for the CLC in St. John's and I will be speaking to public sector lawyers there about the work of the Forum.

Other selected highlights:

- The Branch received a special award recognizing the contributions and support of CBA Saskatchewan to *Right to Know Week* over the past eight years.
- I attended the Manitoba Bar Association Mid-Winter Meeting and Awards Luncheon, and brought greetings at their Council meeting.

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- I attended the CBA Alberta's Law Conference and the President's Dinner, and brought greetings to their Council meeting.
- From November to the last Council meeting, the Executive has been discussing Branch Bylaw amendments. Significant amendments to our Bylaws are proposed for our Annual Meeting in June.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee and all our volunteers for making this year so successful. All of your hard work is appreciated. A special thank you also to our very diligent and outstanding staff Brenda, Kayla and Lorraine. You make us all look good!

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

GAIL WARTMAN



My attendance at the Canadian Legal Conference last summer in Saskatoon was interrupted on August 18th, 2013, just after the opening plenary speech, with the news that our first grandchild was making her way into the world. Mairi Simone Harrison is now the proud owner of CBA memorabilia marking the CLC in Saskatchewan at the time of her birth!

In autumn of 2013 I attended the annual Wine and Cheese Reception at the College of Law. This is an event I love to attend every year, and it is one of our best opportunities to visit with the law students and yes, sell lots of memberships. I always come away from that event feeling hopeful and optimistic about the future of our profession.

In late October, the annual rural/small urban tour from the College of Law came to Moose Jaw, and I was pleased to host the students when they came to visit our office, and to bring greetings at lunch on behalf of the CBA.

I attended both the Branch and National Mid-Winter meetings in February. This year I was a presenter on "Ethics in Civil Practice" at the Branch Mid-Winter meeting, and really enjoyed that level of participation, as well as being a host/introducer at one other session. And just before the MWM in Saskatchewan began, it was my honor to host our National President, Fred Headon, when he visited Moose Jaw and had lunch with our local bar and a tour of City Hall and the City Solicitor's office.

On March 28th, 2014, I brought greetings on behalf of the CBA to the swearing-in of Provincial Court Judge Janet McIvor, in Saskatoon, and on May 23rd, 2014, to the swearing in of Provincial Court Judge Miguel Martinez, in Regina.

On April 4th, 2014, I chaired the annual Executive Planning Meetings in Moose Jaw. Much of the work that day focused on some important updates to our Branch Bylaws.

On May 6th and 13th, 2014, I chaired the annual Section Orientation meetings in Saskatoon and Regina, respectively.

Ahead for this spring and summer are my orientation to National Board of Directors, and Board meeting, in Ottawa, on June 6th-8th; the Branch and The Law Society's Annual Meeting on June 19th; and the CLC in St. John's Newfoundland in mid-August. Last summer's CBA baby, Mairi, will be in Newfoundland with her parents this summer, and is hoping to look in on some of our festivities to find out a bit about why her Grandma loves the CBA so much!

Thank you to Brenda, Lorraine, and Kayla in our Branch office for their great work and support, their patience, and their sense of humour.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SHARON PRATCHLER, QC



A big thank you to Brenda Hesje, our Executive Director, who keeps a close eye on our financial operations. Expenditures are well documented and financial records are very well maintained. This takes a considerable amount of time, in addition to Brenda's other roles and duties. We are indebted for her service.

Over the past few years, Canada Revenue Agency has been reviewing the reserves of non-profit organizations, so it is timely for our Branch to spend some time considering our reserves, in particular whether a maximum reserve should be set to ensure ongoing compliance with the CRA's regime for non-profit corporations.

The Branch continues to operate on sound financial ground, which provides opportunities for innovative projects.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

JOHN-PAUL ELSON, CHAIR



The Awards Committee oversees the administration and awarding of both the Distinguished Service Award and the Community Service Award. This Committee also serves as a liaison with the National Awards Committee, nominating Branch members for National Awards as appropriate. This year the Saskatchewan Chair is serving on the National Awards Committee, which is responsible for administration of the Viscount Bennett Fellowship, the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Law, the Louis St-Laurent Award of Excellence and the Edward K. Rowan-Legg Award.

The 2013-2014 Award Committee members included: J.P. Ellson (Chair), CBA Saskatchewan Past-President Heather MacMillan-Brown, QC, CBA Saskatchewan President Kylie Head, QC, and the President(s) of The Law Society of Saskatchewan during the respective time period being Heather Laing, QC, and Rob Heinrichs, QC.

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes significant and exceptional contributions and/or achievements by members of CBA Saskatchewan:

- to the legal profession in Saskatchewan;
- or jurisprudence in Saskatchewan or Canada;
- to the law or the development of law in Saskatchewan; or
- involving a significant law-related achievement for the benefit of residents of Saskatchewan.

The 2014 Award was given to Graeme Mitchell, QC, on February 7th, 2014 at the Distinguished Service Award Luncheon held in conjunction with the Branch's annual Mid-Winter Meeting.

Community Service Award

The Community Service Award recognizes the valuable contributions of our members who have demonstrated outstanding dedication, public service and commitment to their respective communities throughout the province. This Award is presented annually at the Branch Annual Meeting, in conjunction with the Law Society of Saskatchewan Annual Meeting. This year the Awards Committee selected Ronald Kruzeniski, QC, as the deserving recipient.

EQUALITY COMMITTEE

BETH BILSON, QC, CHAIR



In 2011, the Equality Committee obtained funding from The Law Society of Saskatchewan, CBA Saskatchewan and The Law Foundation of Saskatchewan to conduct a study on women in the legal profession in Saskatchewan. The study was designed to follow up a research project on this theme carried out in 1990. A survey was conducted with lawyers, law students, law professors and judges in the winter and spring of 2012, which asked respondents to answer a number of standardized questions, and invited them as well to make discursive comments. The responses were analysed by two researchers, Susan Robertson and Liz Quinlan, of the Department of Sociology at the University of Saskatchewan. The researchers also compared Saskatchewan data with the picture in other jurisdictions. The report from the study was released in October 2013. The Equality Committee is grateful to the Branch for their financial support of this project.

The Chair of the Equality Committee, along with the researchers, presented the results of the study at a meeting for the Women Lawyers' Forum in March 2014.

The Equality Committee recently undertook to provide a regular column on equality issues in *BARNOTES*. The first of these columns summarized the debate over the accreditation of a law school at Trinity Western University in British Columbia.

LEGISLATION AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE

LORA BANSLEY, CHAIR



The primary mandate of the Legislation and Law Reform Chair is to assist the Branch in pursuing improvements in the law and the administration of justice. Advocacy with respect to legislation and law reform is a key and vital component of the CBA.

The role of the Legislation and Law Reform (LLR) Chair is to monitor, coordinate and assist with the preparation and presentation of Branch submissions on any matter respecting government initiatives made by Sections, Committees and the Branch Executive. Each CBA section designates a LLR representative for its Section. Proposed legislation that is introduced by the government and calls for consultation are circulated

to the Section Chairs and LLR Representatives for review and comment. Reports and papers from the Law Reform Commission are also forwarded to the appropriate sections.

This year I implemented a couple of new approaches to involve more of our membership in LLR activities that were successful. Often requests for consultation by the government are received in months when our sections are not active. For the first time a call for volunteers went out in our monthly eNewsletter, CBA SK Watch, to review and comment on some consultation papers. I was pleased to receive three volunteers through this method. We also used the CBA SK Watch to update members on the progress of Bills through the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan and highlight Bills being passed. The first month we tried this, the legislation update received the most hits for members clicking through for more information from the CBA SK Watch eBlast. I recommend continuing to leverage the CBA SK Watch for the Branch's LLR work.

The CBA reviewed requests related to the following legislation in the past year:

- Service Alberta regarding changes to its *Business Corporations Act*
- Victims Bill of Rights
- Associated Regulations to appropriate sections of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*
- *The Consumer Protection and Business Practices Act*
- *The Pooled Registered Pension Plan (Saskatchewan) Act*

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

LORELEY BERRA, CHAIR



Membership Numbers

Membership growth continues its battle in the face of the economic climate of the last few years. The CBA has 36,814 active members as of May 27th, 2014.

Saskatchewan has 1152 paid members – which is a slight increase.

As you are aware there are several changes impacting membership and the timing of fee collection such as: the fixed membership year of September 1st to August 31st, the grace period for payment being reduced from 90 days to 60 days, and the portfolio options.

Membership Actions

CBA Saskatchewan was able to join the North East Bar Association for their regular meeting in May. It provided a wonderful opportunity for us to share information about our Branch. More importantly we received valuable feedback about the law school tours, the showcase and section meetings. We hope to be able to address some of those issues in the coming year.

CBA Saskatchewan hopes to continue visiting local Bar Associations to gather valuable feedback to improve the delivery of the services that are valued by our members.

2014 MID-WINTER MEETING COMMITTEE

JORDAN HARDY, CHAIR



This year's Mid-Winter Meeting took place from February 6th-7th, 2014 in Regina. I am pleased to report that we enjoyed a successful event with over 250 attendees! There seemed to be something for everyone and the presentations were current, interesting and instructive. The event overall provided a great opportunity to chat and laugh with colleagues from across the province.

Keynote Speakers

The Meeting kicked off Thursday morning with keynote speaker, John Pozios from the University of Manitoba, speaking on "The Hollinger Saga: Lessons Learned". On Friday morning, we learned what has been keeping Justice Minister Gordon Wyant, QC, and College of Law Dean Sanjeev Anand, QC, busy this past year through their respective updates, and heard a thought-provoking presentation on "Law & Happiness" by Professor Marilyn Poitras from the University of Saskatchewan's College of Law.

Program at a Glance

The Meeting's five educational streams were well-rounded, thanks to the hard work and planning of our CLE Sub-Committee. The topics were wide ranging, from Judicial Ethics to IP, Clean Energy to Criminal and Family Law Updates, and Public Registries Information to Small Business Issues. Feedback from our Mid-Winter Meeting Survey confirmed that many of the session's topics (and speakers) were unique and enlightening, and it would appear that countless attendees appreciated the opportunity to earn Ethics hours.

After a full day of learning, Meeting attendees and guests enjoyed our annual Thursday Night Social Night at BeerBros Gastropub, with a themed "Minute to Win it" concept. Everyone enjoyed delicious appetizers, drinks and participated in the fun of "Minute to Win it" games.

Special Thanks

We had great support on the sponsorship and exhibitor's front this year and would again like to express our appreciation to all of them. In total the event raised approximately \$44,000 for the CBA Saskatchewan Branch.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge and thank the 2014 Mid-Winter Meeting Planning Committee - Jana Linner, Neil Robertson, QC, Jerome Tholl, Angela Eiffert, Angela Ottenbreit, Lora Bansley, Nicholas Cann and Will Egan. They all worked very hard and the meeting would not have been a success without their collective efforts. I would also like to say a special thanks to Brenda Hesje and her staff for all of their hard work in bringing this event together.

2013-2014 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

HEATHER MACMILLAN-BROWN, QC, CHAIR



Pursuant to The Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch Bylaw 13(2), the Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of candidates to the Executive Director. Bylaw 13(2) states "The Nominating Committee shall submit to the Executive Director not less than forty-five (45) days before the day fixed for the Annual Meeting of the Branch, a report setting out the names of those nominated by the Committee for election to the positions outlined in Bylaw 13(1)(c) and (d), which shall be submitted to the Annual Meeting for approval, and if members at the Annual Meeting so desire, they may nominate other candidates, and if

other candidates are nominated, an election shall be held according to the procedure established at the Annual Meeting." The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the names of the following persons for offices of the Branch for the next annual period, September 1st, 2014 to August 31st, 2015:

Branch Committees

Awards:	John-Paul Ellson
Communications:	Lora Bansley
Equality:	Beth Bilson, QC
Judicial Compensation & Benefits:	Gail Wartman
Legislation and Law Reform Review:	Evatt Merchant
Membership:	Loreley Berra
Mid-Winter Meeting:	Bryan Salte, QC
Nominating:	Kylie Head, QC
Pro Bono:	Nicole Sarauer
Professional Development:	Vacant
Professional Image / Law Day:	Charmaine Panko
Queen's Counsel:	Kylie Head, QC
Resolutions, Constitution & Bylaws:	Robert Thornton, QC

Judiciary Representatives

Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan:	Chief Justice Robert Richards
Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan:	Justice Ron Mills
Provincial Court of Saskatchewan:	Judge Karl Bazin

Aboriginal Liaison:

Kathy Hodgson-Smith

Respectfully submitted by,

The Nominating Committee

Heather MacMillan-Brown, QC (Chair)
Alexander Shalashniy

David Thera, QC
Kylie Head, QC

Evatt Merchant

PRO BONO STANDING COMMITTEE

NICOLE SARAUER, CHAIR



CBA Saskatchewan's Pro Bono Committee continued to work to facilitate and promote pro bono work in a variety of ways over the past year. A brief summary of these activities follows:

BARNOTES Articles

A Pro Bono Spotlight piece is regularly submitted for publication in *BARNOTES*. The idea behind this column is to promote pro bono work within the province and also to provide information and resources to lawyers engaged in providing pro bono services.

5th National Pro Bono Conference

The Committee Chair is currently involved in the planning of the 5th National Pro Bono Conference to be held in Regina, Saskatchewan on September 24th-26th, 2014. The Conference will be hosted by Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan in partnership with Canada's other provincial pro bono organizations. It will combine plenary sessions that address major issues and themes related to pro bono culture and practice, and breakout sessions that take a "nuts and bolts" approach to various aspects of developing pro bono projects and delivering pro bono services. This year's Conference will bring together legal practitioners, the judiciary, the voluntary sector and academia from Canada and the United States to share ideas and best practices in pro bono legal services, to forge new access to justice partnerships, and to explore challenging issues that still lie ahead in the pro bono and access to justice sphere.

We are grateful to the CBA for agreeing to sponsor the Welcome Reception, which will be held the evening of September 24th.

The Committee Chair is looking forward to hosting this conference in Saskatchewan for the first time, and is hoping for a large contingent of Saskatchewan legal practitioners, judiciary, academia, and law students who are interested in learning about access to justice initiatives. More information can be found on the website: www.probonoconference.ca.

National Pro Bono Committee

The Committee Chair continues to be involved with the National Pro Bono Committee. Currently the committee is involved in initiatives to reduce barriers to pro bono delivery nationwide such as the lack of insurance for some lawyers in certain jurisdictions. Activity on the National Pro Bono Committee led to the Committee Chair's attendance at the CBA's National Mid-Winter Meeting, held in Ottawa February 22nd and 23rd, 2014 where discussion was had regarding the CBA's *Reaching Equal Justice* report.

The Committee Chair is pleased with the progress seen in promoting access to justice issues and the need for pro bono services over the past year in Saskatchewan. Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan has seen a steady increase of volunteers from Saskatchewan lawyers, which allows Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan to serve more clients each year. This past year, Pro Bono

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Law Saskatchewan celebrated Pro Bono Week, culminating in a province-wide call-in day, where lawyers in Regina gave legal information over the phone to callers. The CBA was kind enough to sponsor our appreciation lunch for the volunteers.

Thank you to the lawyers who volunteer their time as well as to the CBA Saskatchewan for the financial assistance it provides through the CBA Disbursement Fund, which covers out of pocket expenses for lawyers taking on pro bono files.

PROFESSIONAL IMAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

CHARMAINE PANKO, CHAIR



Once again, this has been a busy year with an exciting expansion of activities and to the membership of the Law Day Committee.

Events in Partnership with the College of Law

In addition to meeting regularly with the President of the Law Students' Association as well as the President of the Aboriginal Law Students' Association to get feedback and input on how the CBA can support law students, the CBA partners with the College of Law to bring a number of events to the province's future lawyers.

Wine & Cheese Reception

The annual Wine & Cheese Reception was held on September 16th, 2013. At this event the CBA brings greetings to the students, sell memberships, and registers students for the Mentorship program. Members of Council were in attendance to meet and talk with students and the students have expressed that is a highlight of the event. For 2014 the CBA will extend the invitation to all CBA members to attend this event so that the students will have even more lawyers to meet and talk to.

Mentorship Program and "Meet Your Match" Reception

The CBA continues to provide mentorship to law students by matching interested students with volunteering lawyers. The annual "Meet your Match" reception was held on October 23rd, 2013. This year, 89 students registered in the Mentorship Program.

10th Annual CBA Law Firm Showcase

The 10th Annual CBA Law Firm Showcase held at the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law, on November 13th, 2013. Twenty law firms and other legal employers participated in a trade-show type event in the college's library.

The Showcase included small group discussions where students could hear from practitioners on various topics such as rural practice, public practice, in-house corporate counsel, large urban practice and small urban practice.

The event was followed by a reception hosted by the College of Law Career Office.

Mock Interviews

Mock interviews were held throughout the day on January 21st, 2014. This is an opportunity for students to have an interview or select to have a resume critiqued and we were able to provide a number of students with the opportunity to get feedback on both.

Career Forum

This year's career forum was held on March 7th & 8th at The Sheraton Cavalier in Saskatoon. The CBA attended with a booth and provided door prizes.

Aboriginal Summer Student Hiring Program

The CBA continues to co-ordinate the Aboriginal Law Student Summer Job Program now in its tenth year. The purposes of the program are:

- a) to allow law firms and the legal profession to gain greater insight into Aboriginal culture and issues;
- b) to provide an opportunity for Aboriginal law students early in their legal career to obtain work experience in a law firm; and
- c) to foster opportunities for ongoing relationships to develop between the Aboriginal students and practicing lawyers.

Invitations to participate were sent to firms in September and the deadlines were November 6th to apply and November 22nd to have interviews concluded. Participation remains a challenge and the CBA has been in continuing discussions with the ALSA and the College of Law to address how to ensure the program is meeting the needs of the students and potential employers.

Law Day Activities

This year's Law Day committee included a number of new members who brought enthusiasm and fresh ideas, and provided the opportunity to expand our activities to Regina. The committee is looking forward to continuing the momentum next year and has already started planning a few new things, such as a high school mock mediation demonstration in Regina and the replacement of the Law Day Luncheon with an educational event geared more to the general public.

Law Day Luncheons

One of the activities that the CBA hosted to celebrate the 32nd anniversary of the implementation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms was the annual Law Day Luncheon in Saskatoon and Regina on April 10th and 11th, 2014. Ian Hanomansing from the CBC was the guest speaker whose speech, "Influencing the Court of Public Opinion" was challenging and thought provoking.

As part of our continuing efforts to provide public education and opportunities to address access to justice issues, we sponsored a group of new immigrants to Regina to attend the luncheon, followed by a tour of the courthouse and police station.

Though the luncheons were well attended, upon reflection of the event and the purpose of Law Day, the decision has been reached to discontinue the annual luncheon and replace it with a more informal event that will be open to the public. The Law Day Committee is in the process of considering what the event will look like and is excited to unveil the details once confirmed.

CBA Mock Trial

Nine teams participated in the 15th annual Mock Trial competition held on April 5th, 2014 at the Saskatoon Court House with a team from Yorkton Regional High School taking home the coveted McKercher Cup. The CBA is grateful for the continued support of this event by the courthouse staff and sponsors and, in particular, the Judges who volunteer their entire Saturday to provide invaluable feedback and insight to the teenagers who participate in this competition.

Fun Runs

Our Fun Runs raised over \$5,000 for PBLs and CLASSIC. In addition to our regular “Run for the Law” fun run in Saskatoon, we were thrilled to have our first annual “Lynn Smith Memorial” Fun Run in Regina.

Law in your Life Library Series

The Law in your Life library series is a partnership with the Regina Public Library, Saskatoon Public Library and PLEA, and this year we had three very successful and well received presentations in each city.

Essay and Poster Contests

Our essay and poster contests received a number of entries and we were pleased to present awards to a winner for each contest at our Law Day Awards Banquet. Teachers were also encouraged to invite a lawyer or judge to present to their classroom if they were participating in the contest.

Law Day Feature

The 2014 Law Day feature in the Saskatoon Star Phoenix and Regina Leader Post highlighted the various CBA activities to the attention of the public and reminded the public about the reason we celebrate Law Day and why it needs to matter to them.

High School Outreach Pilot Project with PLEA and PBSC

For the second year, in conjunction with PLEA and PBSC the CBA participated in a high school outreach program where a law professor, law student and practicing lawyer made joint presentations to Law 30 classes at high schools in Saskatoon, Regina and this year expanded the presentations into rural communities.

A number of the events held at the College of Law that the Professional Image Chair has been traditionally involved with will become part of the Membership Chair’s portfolio for the 2014-2015 year. This will allow the Professional Image portfolio to continue to focus on the development and sustaining of a positive understanding by the public of lawyers and the legal profession.

Please contact me at 306-667-5620 or by email cpanko@millerthomson.com if you have any suggestions or feedback.

RESOLUTIONS, CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

ROBERT THORTON, QC, CHAIR



The Branch Council at its Meeting of April 24th, 2014, passed a Resolution to amend the Bylaws of the Branch in accordance with the recommendations set out in the discussion paper presented to Council as revised by the consensus of Council at the Meeting and to make such other amendments to the Bylaws as are necessary as a result of the said amendments.

In accordance with Bylaw 25 of the Branch Bylaws, a Resolution will be put forward at the Annual Meeting of the Branch to be held on June 19, 2014 at Saskatoon, to amend the Branch Bylaws as set out in the black-lined draft of the Bylaws which accompanied the Notice of the Annual Meeting.

Other than the Resolution of the Branch Council set out above, there were no other Resolutions made by the Branch Council since the last Annual Meeting of the Branch, other than customary motions approving Council Meeting agendas and minutes.

The activities of the Resolutions, Constitution and Bylaws Committee this year have included a review of proposed changes to the Branch Bylaws developed by the Executive Committee of the Branch. After the passing of Council's Resolution to amend the Branch Bylaws, the Chair of this Committee and the Executive Director of the Branch prepared the specific Bylaw amendments (which are set out in the black-lined draft of the Bylaws) which amendments are being submitted to the Annual Meeting for approval.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of May, 2014.

QUEEN'S BENCH BAR JUDICIAL REPORT

MICHELLE OUELLETTE, QC, CHAIR



At the recent Queen's Bench Bar Judicial Council meeting, there were a number of matters of practice discussed of which people should be aware:

Rules Update/Reminder

- The Court wants to remind counsel of the new Rules requiring experts' Reports to be filed 60 days prior to pre-trial - note this confirms that experts need to provide written reports (although the Rules do provide an opportunity for a Pre-trial Conference without experts reports in certain circumstances) in order to allow for cross-examination prior to trial if appropriate and to ensure that parties are fully apprised of the case they will meet at trial.
- The Court wants to remind counsel, again, of the requirement to file PT Briefs 10 days prior to Pre-trial, failing which the Brief will be stamped "FILED LATE" and costs may be assessed against the Party or the lawyer, depending on the circumstances.
- There have been some concerns raised about the application of the new Summary Judgment rules and in particular some issues regarding the timing for filing materials and so on. The Court's Rules Committee will be looking into this and a number of other matters that have been raised as requiring "tweaking".

Access to Justice Initiative

- The Law Society is currently considering the possibility of authorizing para-legals to make limited appearances in Court. This is driven, of course, by the Access to Justice agenda and the LSS's Access Committee is examining the whole question of the delivery of Legal services by alternate providers. The Court also has a committee looking at the issue.

New Courthouse

- The new Saskatoon Queen's Bench Courthouse is more or less complete. Courtrooms 7 & 8 are in use, the judges are all on floors 3 and 4 and all under 1 roof. The next phase is in action and Courtrooms 1 and 4 are out of action as a result. The last phase involves the middle floor with the Registrar's Office, Sheriff's Office and the Courtrooms on that floor; final completion is expected for September 2015. Currently, Courtroom 7 is a "Smart" Courtroom and is apparently very functional. The Barristers' Lounge will be getting "new" furniture and vending machines.
- The Moose Jaw QB Courthouse will be getting significant renovations – including a re-design – as a result of the roof collapse recently. That is expected to be completed by December 2015.

Tariff Revision

- The Tariff Revision Project is coming along well. The General Civil and Family Tariffs are being revised separately. We are likely looking at losing the current "Column" format.

Outstanding Judgments

- This is an issue that is on the Chief Justice's radar. Currently, the CJ receives a list from the Registrar of outstanding decisions and he is aiming to have no decisions outstanding for more than 6 months.

Criminal Matters

- Criminal Pre-trials are being instituted in Yorkton, Weyburn, Estevan, Moose Jaw and Swift Current.
- The Court will be passing new Summary Conviction Appeal rules at the next en banc meeting.

McGill Guide to Citation

- There have been some questions raised regarding the proper citation format to be used in Court documents, whether McGill Guide 6th edition, 7th edition or something else altogether. The Law Society is examining the matter, but in addition, the Court of Appeal is currently preparing a Citation Guide that the Queen's Bench Court is likely going to adopt. Although this will be for the Courts' internal use in writing judgments, it would make sense if the Bar were to be advised and use the same format.

ABORIGINAL LAW NORTH SECTION

LEAH BITTERNOSE, CHAIR



We are pleased to report that the section activities for 2013-2014 were successful with good learning and networking opportunities for our section members. Our section is still quite small and any joint sessions were very well attended.

We would like to encourage more Aboriginal Law practitioners to join our section and continue to promote membership in the CBA.

Past years meeting topics:

- October 23rd, 2013: (Joint Session with Business Law North) "Secured Lending on Reserve: Some Preliminary Thoughts on Increasing Legal Certainty" with Dwight Newman, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan
- November 20th, 2013: (Joint Session with Wills & Estate Law,) "First Nation Wills and Estates-Legal Issues" with Aaron Star, McKercher LLP
- March 7th, 2014: "First Nation Land Regimes" with Candace Pete, University of Saskatchewan, Indigenous Peoples Resource Management
- April 4th, 2014: "Corporate Social Responsibility" with Bonnie Missens, Corporate Counsel, Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority
- May 2nd, 2014: "Aboriginal Law Update" with Mitch McAdam, Director Aboriginal Law Branch, Ministry of Justice and Attorney General, Government of Saskatchewan

Please feel free to contact us at (306) 260 - 7966, if you have any questions or concerns.

BANKRUPTCY & INSOLVENCY SECTION

DAVID GERECKE, CHAIR



Our meetings were reasonably well-attended last year. The meetings tended to have about 9 to 12 in attendance. Meetings are held in Saskatoon.

A number of years ago, in planning our Section meetings, we made a change from a fairly *ad hoc* approach where all or most of the content was legal updates with speakers decided only weeks in advance, to where all or most of our speakers and topics for the year are fully planned in advance. Unfortunately, this does not appear to have had a positive effect on section membership or attendance but our members have expressed a preference for that recent approach to continue, and we will continue with it.

Clayton Barry of McDougall Gauley LLP is the Vice-Chair of the Section.

The Section enjoys good participation from most senior members of the Saskatoon insolvency bar, as well as several more junior lawyers with an interest in insolvency. The participation of junior lawyers had been rising but has probably flattened out. One factor with membership and participation is probably that Saskatchewan's economy has been strong and there have not been a large number of significant insolvency files in the Province over the past few years.

Several Section members are insolvency professionals who are non-lawyers. The mixture of lawyers and bankruptcy trustees lends itself to lively, informed and practical discussions at luncheon meetings.

For a number of years, the Section has been active in improving practice in the insolvency area. In the past year we did not undertake any independent initiatives, but did use one meeting to provide views to the Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan on potential reforms to *The Land Contracts (Actions) Act*.

The past year luncheon meeting topics were as follows:

- Reché McKeague, Director of Research at the Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan, led a discussion and consultation concerning proposed reforms to *The Land Contracts (Actions) Act*.
- Kim Anderson, Robertson Stromberg LLP, gave a presentation on potential sources of liabilities for directors, arising from specific acts and statutory obligations.
- Mike Russell, MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP, gave a presentation on *The Toronto-Dominion Bank v. Kerwin Capital Corp., o/a BC Business Factoring*, a Saskatchewan decision where a secured creditor lost priority to a factoring arrangement of which it was unaware.
- Gary Meschishnick, QC, and Devin Dubois, WMCZ Lawyers, gave a Legal Update.

- Misty Alexandre, Robertson Stromberg LLP, and Clayton Barry, McDougall Gauley LLP, gave a presentation on enforcement under the new *Enforcement of Money Judgments Act* and tips and tricks for getting better results.
- Elaine Thompson, the Registrar in Bankruptcy for Saskatchewan, gave a presentation on current issues in bankruptcy.

As well, I attended the annual meeting of the National Section in Calgary in September, along with the Pan-Canadian Insolvency & Restructuring Conference (which is organized by the National Section) held in Calgary the same week. There were a number of Saskatchewan lawyers who attended the Pan-Canadian conference (approximately six), which was the most I have seen attend from Saskatchewan and was a good development.

BUSINESS LAW NORTH

DEREK HOFFMAN, CHAIR

Business Law North Executive for 2013-2014

Chair: Derek Hoffman, McDougall Gauley LLP

Vice-Chair: Adrienne Perrot

Secretary: Christopher Porter, McKercher LLP

LLR Rep: Derek Hoffman, McDougall Gauley LLP

Business Law North Meetings for 2013-2014

- September 25th, 2013: "Ownership of Saskatchewan Farmland" with Mark Folk, Farm Land Security Board
- October 23rd, 2013: (Joint section meeting with ADR North) "Secured Lending on Reserve" with Dwight Newman, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan
- November 27th, 2013: "Keeping Secrets – Advising Clients on Non-disclosure Agreement and Internal Information Controls" with Rob Hendry, MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP
- January 22nd, 2014: "Legal Issues of Importance to Saskatchewan Natural Resources Industry" with Danny Anderson, MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP
- February 26th, 2014: (Joint section meeting with Securities Law North) "Best Practices for Conducting a Shareholder Meeting from a Corporate and Securities Law perspective" with Bill Nickel, McDougall Gauley LLP
- March 26th, 2014: "Quarterbacking the Deal: M&A transaction Issues" with Nancy Hopkins, McDougall Gauley LLP

Business Law North Finances for 2013-2014

The net income of this section for the period of September through April 2014 was \$791.70

Legislative Consultations for 2013-2014

Derek Hoffman participated in the CBA working group regarding Industry Canada's consultation on proposed changes to *The Canada Business Corporations Act*. The CBA working group reviewed and prepared a response to Industry Canada regarding the proposed changes in May 2014.

CANADIAN CORPORATE COUNSEL ASSOCIATION NORTH

SHELDON STENER, CHAIR



This year the Canadian Corporate Counsel North section held six meetings: four lunches, one evening reception and one supper meeting. Attendance was consistent at around eight to 10 per meeting.

One highlight was our working with the South Section to have Grant Borbridge, CCCA Chair, speak to both groups on minute taking and the Certification Program for In-House Counsel.

It would be a good step to see this section re-named “CCCA Saskatchewan North” to better align the section with the National organization representing in-house counsel and the strong brand being created as a result of such programs as Certified In-House Counsel – Canada.

I attended the CCCA National meetings – two in person and one telephone, as the non-voting delegate from Saskatchewan this past year. As has been the practice, I will be the voting delegate this upcoming year and the South section representative will attend as the non-voting delegate as the voting position alternates.

Further efforts will be taken to attempt to increase attendance and participation by reaching out directly to other in-house counsel and to lawyers in firms who work with in-house lawyers. I will attempt to add a vice-chair and perhaps a secretary to the section to assist in succession planning.

Topics covered this past year were:

- October 16th, 2013: “OH&S Recent and Pending Changes” with Jean Torrens, MLT, Calgary
- November 20th, 2013: “The New Code of Ethics” with Brent Cotter, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan
- December 10th, 2013: “CCCA’s In-House Lawyer Certification Program” with Terri Uhrich, K + S Potash
- January 15th, 2014: “Minute Taking Workshop” with Grant Borbridge, CCCA Chair and Executive VP & Chief Counsel, Emergo Group of Companies, Calgary
- February 19th, 2014: “Recent Developments and Decisions in Competition Law” with Shawn Neylan, Stikeman Elliott, Toronto
- March 19th, 2014: “Recent Developments in Business Immigration Law” with Chris Veeman, Veeman Law

CANADIAN CORPORATE COUNSEL ASSOCIATION SOUTH

TERRY JORDAN, CHAIR



CCCA South Executive for 2013-2014

Chair : Terry Jordan, SaskEnergy Incorporated

Vice-Chair: Valerie Macdonald, Farm Credit Canada

Secretary & LLR Rep: Azure-Dee Farago, Saskatchewan Power Corporation

The Section had another successful year with six section meetings held over the course of 2013-2014. The Section hosted five "Lunch and Learn" sessions at the Hotel Saskatchewan. The sessions were generally well-attended with approximately 15 to 20 participants on average.

The following is a list of topics and presenters:

- September 26th, 2013: "Kick Off Reception and Section Planning" at Crave Kitchen & Wine Bar
- October 17th, 2013: "Bill 23 and Bill 85 - Occupational Health & Safety Update" with speaker Terry D. Jordan, SaskEnergy Incorporated
- November 21st, 2013: "Privacy in the Workplace: Surveillance and Drug/Alcohol Testing" with Steven J.R. Seiferling, The Mosaic Company
- January 16th, 2014: "Presentation: CCCA and Rotman School of Management Certification Program for Canadian In-House Counsel" and "Professional Development Seminar: Minute Taking Workshop" with Grant Borbridge, CCCA Chair and Executive VP, Vice President Legal & General Counsel MEG Energy, Calgary
- February 20th, 2014: "The Impact of Canada's New Anti-Spam Legislation" with Danielle L. Graff, MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP
- March 20th, 2014: "Three Burning Questions: A panel on business planning, organization and management of a legal department" speakers Rick M. Van Beselaere, QC, Miller Thomson LLP; John D. Phillips, Saskatchewan Power Corporation; Jamie S. Patterson, Group Medical Services

The Section Executive for 2014-2015 are:

Section Chair : Valerie Macdonald, Farm Credit Canada

Section Vice-Chair: Azure-Dee Farago, Saskatchewan Power Corporation

Section Secretary & LLR Representative: Jamie Patterson, Group Medical Services

Sheldon Stener, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Federated Co-operatives Limited, Saskatoon and Valerie Macdonald, General Counsel and Integrity Officer, Farm Credit Canada, Regina are expected to act as members on the 2014-2015 CCCA Executive Committee (Nationally), once appointments are confirmed. Mr. Stener is returning for a second year and will have the Saskatchewan voting position this year.

CIVIL LITIGATION NORTH

LYNN BARLAGE, CHAIR



Civil Litigation North Executive for 2013-2014

Chair: Lynn Barlage, McDougall Gauley LLP

Vice-Chair: Amanda Neudorf, Saskatchewan Government Insurance

Secretary: Kristen Greenough, Scharfstein Gibbings Walen Fisher LLP

In the past year, the section hosted six luncheon meetings between September 2013 and April 2014. Our meetings are typically held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Saskatoon Club. The 2013-2014 section meetings were reasonably well attended with speakers presenting on the topics listed below.

Civil Litigation North Meetings for 2013-2014

- October 9th, 2013: (Joint with Wills, Estates & Elder Law North) "Current Issues in Estate Litigation" with Robert Kennedy, QC, from McDougall Gauley LLP
- November 13th, 2013: "The New Queen's Bench Rules of Court" with Reché McKeague, Law Reform Commission of Canada
- December 11th, 2013: "*The Saskatchewan Employment Act* – Issues Concerning Litigators" with Michael Krawchuk, WMCZ Lawyers
- February 12th, 2014: "Q & A with the Sheriff's Office" with Brad Lung, Government of Saskatchewan Sheriff and Jennifer Fabian, Registrar of Courts, Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan
- March 12th, 2014: "Small Claims Court Procedure" with The Honourable Judge R. D. Jackson from the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan
- April 9th, 2014: "Annual Discussion of Issues from the Bench" with The Honourable Chief Justice M.D. Popescul, Court of Queen's Bench of Saskatchewan

CIVIL LITIGATION SOUTH

JAMIE FISHER, CHAIR

Civil Litigation South Executive for 2013-2014

Chair: Jamie Fisher, Saskatchewan Government Insurance

Vice-Chair: Alison Cathcart, McDougall Gauley LLP

LLR Rep: Jamie Fisher, Saskatchewan Government Insurance

The 2013-2014 year for Civil Litigation South saw no policy developments or significant accomplishments.

At the October meeting, Reché McKeague, spoke regarding a Consultation Paper on reform of *The Land Contracts (Actions) Act*, the Reform Commission has released. They were seeking broad input from the legal profession, and valued the opportunity to meet with as many lawyers as possible.

At the November Meeting, Michael Tomka, provided some insight on when you can sue for pain and suffering under section 104 of *The Automobile Accident Insurance Act*.

At the December meeting, Patrick Kelly, QC, provided a case comment on *Clements v. Clements*, a recent SCC decision that provides important guidance on the appropriate application of the material contribution test in cases of negligence.

At the February meeting, Amanda Quayle, reviewed the recent trends and developments in Saskatchewan's case law as it relates to class action litigation.

At the March meeting, Dave Thera, QC, provided a case comment on *Branco v. American Home Assurance Company*, a recent Saskatchewan Queen's Bench decision that sets a new high-water mark for punitive damages against insurers.

At the April meeting, John Epp spoke regarding lawyers giving evidence in a case that their firm is presenting, including how lawyers need to be alert to the guidance in the Code of Conduct, the Court of Appeal Practice Direction and two recent decisions of the Court Appeal.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOUTH SECTION

NEIL ROBERTSON, QC, CHAIR



Criminal Justice South Executive for 2013-2014

Chair: Jerome Tholl (appointed to Queen's Bench in December 2013)

Chair: Neil Robertson, QC (from December 2013), Robb & Dowling

Vice-Chair: Jeffrey Deagle, Hunter Peterson Deagle LLP

The CBA Saskatchewan Criminal Justice South Section enjoyed another successful year with a full slate of luncheon meetings featuring a variety of speakers and topics in fields related to criminal justice.

Criminal Justice South meetings for 2013-2014:

- October 8th, 2013: "Tour of Regina Police Service Detention Centre and Intoxilyzer Demonstration" with Cst. Bespalko, Regina Police Service
- November 19th, 2013: "Child Pornography Prosecutions" with Loreley Berra, Crown Prosecutor, and RCMP Cpl. Drew Wagner, Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit
- December 10th, 2013: "Search Warrants" with S/Sgt. Trent Stevely, Regina Police Service
- February 11th, 2014: "Annual Review of Constitutional Law Cases" with Graeme Mitchell, QC, Director of Constitutional Law, Ministry of Justice
- March 4th, 2014: "Forensic Analysis of Communication Devices" with Cpl. Jordan Marks, Regina Integrated Commercial Crime
- April 8th, 2014: "Review of her term as Chief Judge" with Chief Judge Snell, Provincial Court of Saskatchewan

Jeff Deagle also represented the Section at the National Criminal Justice Conference in Vancouver, BC in April.

ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCES LAW SECTION

JONATHAN KALMAKOFF & ANGELA STOLZ, CO-CHAIRS

Section Activity

The Saskatchewan Environmental & Resources Law Section scheduled five luncheon meetings and a field trip during the 2013-2014 year:

- The Environment in Saskatchewan Today (October 3rd, 2013)
Guest Speaker: The Honourable Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister of Environment
A broad-based discussion on the state of the environment in the Province of Saskatchewan; current issues and developments in policy, legislation and regulation; and expected trends and developments for the future.
- Advising Clients on responding to Environmental Inspections, Investigations and Prosecutions (November 7th, 2013)
Guest Speaker: Leonard Andrychuk, QC, MacPherson Leslie Tyerman LLP
Providing counsel with an overview on advising clients on the powers of environmental inspectors/officers and how to prepare and respond to environmental investigations and searches. In addition, how to deal with charges and prosecutions to reduce the risk of conviction.
- Provincial Environmental Assessment (March 6th, 2014)
Guest Speaker: Sharla Hordenchuk, Director, Environmental Assessment Branch, Ministry of Environment.
An overview of the provincial Environmental Assessment process under *The Environmental Assessment Act* as amended in November 2012, including an explanation of the operation of the Canada-Saskatchewan Agreement on EA Cooperation and the federal-provincial interface in the broader context.
- The Water Security Agency of Saskatchewan (April 3rd, 2014)
Guest Speaker: Marjorie Simington, Senior Legal Counsel, Water Security Agency
On October 1, 2012, the Water Security Agency was created to ensure safety of Saskatchewan drinking water supplies, protect water quality, ensure sustainability of surface and ground water supplies, reduce flood risks and own and manage the province's public policy water management dams and supply channels. This discussion focused on the general and specific responsibilities of the agency, its new legislation, along with its implementation of the 25 Year Saskatchewan Water Security Plan.
- Tour of the Weyburn Enhanced Oil Recovery Project (Tentatively June 15th, 2014)
Weyburn is Canada's first operational CCS project. The Weyburn-Midale field is a depleted oil producing region that has been injecting CO₂ since 2000 and is the site of the world's largest CO₂ storage project. The project involves CO₂ capture at a coal gasification plant in Beulah, North Dakota (and as of April 2014 at SaskPower Boundary Dam Power Station), transport by pipeline and use for enhanced oil recovery (EOR) in the Weyburn field. By injecting CO₂ into the reservoir, operators have been able to access oil that it knew was there but couldn't recover using conventional drilling. Weyburn is recognized as the world's largest geological CO₂ storage project. Global researchers

representing over 30 countries estimate that about 30 million tonnes of CO₂ will ultimately be stored during the life of the Weyburn EOR project. That reduction in greenhouse gas emissions is equal to taking nearly 6 million cars off the road for an entire year. This will be a guided tour of the Weyburn Enhanced Oil Recovery Project facilities by Cenovus – the operator of the Weyburn field.

Section Membership

The Saskatchewan Environmental and Resources Law Section has 8 full members and 3 notice-only members, for a total of 11 members, in the 2013-2014 year.

Legislative & Regulatory Developments

The following legislative and regulatory developments occurred in the 2013-2014 year:

- *The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act, 1997*: Chapter 2 (2014 – assented March 12, 2014) with a consequential amendment to *The Wildlife Act, 1998*.
 - Amends certain definitions, and adds a provision for the suspension of hunting licenses.
- *The Fisheries Act (Saskatchewan), 1994*: Chapter 3 (2014 – assented March 12, 2014)
 - Adds a provision allowing the minister from prohibiting certain people from applying for licenses if the Director of Maintenance Enforcement, pursuant to s.43.04(2) of *The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act, 1997*, has so directed.

Case Law Developments

The following environmental and natural resource case law was reported during the 2013 - 2014 year:

1. *Buffalo River Dene Nation v. Saskatchewan (Minister of Energy and Resources)* 2014 SKQB 69

Aboriginal law — Aboriginal lands — Types — Aboriginal right lands — Duties of the Crown — Fair dealing and reconciliation — Consultation and accommodation — Application by First Nation for review of Oil Sands Special Exploratory Permits issued by Minister dismissed — Minister not obliged to consult First Nation, which held right to use lands to which permits applied for traditional purposes, in issuing permits, as permits did not authorize entry onto lands — Permit holder had yet to take steps to obtain right to enter — First Nation not affected by issuance of permits — Crown Minerals Act, s. 19.

Natural resources law — Oil and gas — Exploration — Application by First Nation for review of Oil Sands Special Exploratory Permits issued by Minister dismissed — Minister not obliged to consult First Nation, which held right to use lands to which permits applied for traditional purposes, in issuing permits, as permits did not authorize entry onto lands — Permit holder had yet to take steps to obtain right to enter — First Nation not affected by issuance of permits — Crown Minerals Act, s. 19.

Application by the First Nation for judicial review of decisions by the Minister of Energy and Resources, relating to the issuance of Oil Sands Special Exploratory Permits. The Minister issued two such permits to Scott covering areas that included land affected by Treaty 10, to which the First Nation was a successor. Treaty 10 granted the First Nation's members rights to

use lands for traditional purposes, and gave rise to a duty of consultation owing by the Crown to the First Nation. No such consultation had taken place prior the posting of the permits for sale or their issuance to Scott. The Minister was of the opinion the duty to consult did not arise in the circumstances.

HELD: Application dismissed. The Minister's decisions did not engage the duty of consultation. The permits issued to Scott did not authorize Scott to enter onto the lands to which the permits applied. Scott had yet to apply for such authorization.

Statutes, Regulations and Rules Cited:

Crown Minerals Act, S.S. 1984-85-86, c. C-50.2, s. 19

Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulations, 1969, Sask. Reg. 8/69, s. 23.3(1), s. 23.3(5), s. 23.31(1), s. 23.4(2), s. 23.4(5)

2. <i>R. v. Nordstrom</i> 2014 SKQB 26
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Aboriginal law — Hunting, fishing and logging rights — Hunting, fishing or trapping — Appeal by accused from convictions under Wildlife Act and related regulations dismissed — Accused, First Nations member, contravened law relating to game farms by issuing customers First Nations hunting licences and mislabelling animal parts hunted on farm as animals shot in wild — Regulations requiring licensing and proper labelling aimed and controlling export of animals and preventing spread of disease did not interfere with Aboriginal hunting rights — First Nations bylaws regulating on-reserve game farm did not have extraterritorial application excusing accused from complying with import/export regulations.

Aboriginal law — Communities and governance — Self-governance — Councils — Resolutions and bylaws — Appeal by accused from convictions under Wildlife Act and related regulations dismissed — Accused, First Nations member, contravened law relating to game farms by issuing customers First Nations hunting licences and mislabelling animal parts hunted on farm as animals shot in wild — Regulations requiring licensing and proper labelling aimed and controlling export of animals and preventing spread of disease did not interfere with Aboriginal hunting rights — First Nations bylaws regulating on-reserve game farm did not have extraterritorial application excusing accused from complying with import/export regulations — Poundmaker Band Bylaw No. 5.

Criminal law — Criminal Code offences — Offences against the administration of law and justice — Corruption or disobedience — Resistance or obstruction of a public officer or peace officer — Appeal by accused from conviction for obstruction allowed — Accused did not interfere with execution of process against lands or goods as charged by affixing false labels to animals caught by his game farm customers — Accused was guilty as party to regulatory offences resulting from customers' attempts to export mislabelled animal parts out of Canada — Criminal Code, ss. 21, 129.

Criminal law — Sentencing — Non-Criminal Code and regulatory offences — Particular sanctions — Fines — Sentencing considerations — Miscellaneous sentencing considerations — Appeal by accused from fines imposed for contraventions of laws and regulations relating to operation of game farm and import/export of wildlife dismissed — Fines were proportionate to hunt fees accused derived from customers.

Natural resources law — Wildlife — Appeal by accused from convictions under Wildlife Act and related regulations dismissed — Accused, First Nations member, contravened law relating to game farms by issuing customers First Nations hunting licences and mislabelling animal parts hunted on farm as animals shot in wild — Regulations requiring licensing and proper labelling aimed and controlling export of animals and preventing spread of disease did not interfere with Aboriginal hunting rights — First Nations bylaws regulating on-reserve game farm did not have extraterritorial application excusing accused from complying with import/export regulations — Animal parts constituted wildlife — Wildlife Act, ss. 2, 9, 31, 34 — Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act, ss. 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 21, 22.

Appeal by Nordstrom from his convictions and the sentences imposed for 12 offences relating to the operation of his game/ hunt farm, located on the reserve lands of the Poundmaker First Nation. Nordstrom was a member of the First Nation. He stocked elk and white-tailed deer purchased from domestic game farms in and out of Saskatchewan on his farm. He also carried on a hunting guide business, so his customers could either hunt game farm animals or wild animals. His game farm was not provincially licensed, but operated under the authority of Poundmaker bylaws. The province expected such bylaws to hold operators to the same or higher standards as provincial regulations. In 2006, Nordstrom was aware the province was monitoring his compliance with provincial operations and labelling requirements and federal import and export regulations. To prevent authorities from tracing animal parts from those killed his customers back to his farm, Nordstrom issued several of his customers First Nations hunting licences and seals for animals they killed on his farm. He was charged in relation to this practice, as well as in relation to his importation of two white-tailed deer from Alberta onto his farm without an import licence. Fines were imposed on Nordstrom roughly equivalent to the amount he received from his customers in hunt fees. For importing the two deer, total fines of \$5,001 were imposed.

HELD: Appeal allowed in part. Nordstrom's conviction for obstruction was set aside, as there was no evidence he interfered with the execution of a process against lands or goods. His other convictions and the fines imposed were confirmed. The animal parts taken by Nordstrom's customers, including capes, hoods and antlers, constituted wildlife for the purpose of statute. Because it was clear Nordstrom was not operating his farm in accordance with standards equivalent to provincial standards, Nordstrom was not entitled to exemptions from import and export requirements that licensed farm operators enjoyed. Band bylaws governing the operation of his on-reserve farm did not have extraterritorial application. To permit Nordstrom to import and export animals or parts without a license or proper identifying labels would undermine the health objectives of the legislation and regulations, aimed at preventing the spread of animal diseases. Despite the fact it was his clients that exported the animal parts. Nordstrom was a party to their offences by issuing the First Nation hunting licences under false pretences. Nordstrom did not exercise due diligence in seeking other licences to import deer in the belief he would not succeed in obtaining the required licences from the province. The provincial regulations did not improperly limit Nordstrom's ability to hunt as a member of a First Nation. Their goal and effect was to regulate the export of wildlife from the province.

Statutes, Regulations and Rules Cited:

Animal Products Act, R.S.S. 1978, c. A-20.2,

Captive Wildlife Regulations, R.R.S. c. W-13.1 Reg. 13, s. 13, s. 13(2)

Criminal Code, R.S.C 1985, c. C-46, s. 21(1), s. 129(a), s. 129(c)

Domestic Game Farm Regulations, R.R.S. c. A-20.2 Reg. 10, s. 18(2)
Indian Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. I-5,
Interpretation Act, 1995, S.S. 1995, c. I-11.2, s. 10

Natural Resources Transfer Agreement, s. 12
Poundmaker Band Bylaw No. 5,
Poundmaker Band Council Resolution 38,
Poundmaker Band Council Resolution 39,
Summary Offences Procedure Act, 1990, S.S. 1990-91, c. S-63.1, s. 4(4)
Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act,
S.C. 1992, c. 52, s. 6, s. 6(3), s. 7, s. 8, s. 8(a), s. 10, s. 11, s. 21(1)(c), s. 22
Wildlife Act, 1998, S.S. 1998, c. W-13.12, s. 2, s. 9, s. 31, s. 31(1)(a), s. 31(1)(b), s. 34, s. 74

3. <i>R. v. Alsager</i> 2013 SKCA 129

Natural resources law — Wildlife — Appeal by Alsager from dismissal of his appeal from conviction for exporting wildlife from Saskatchewan without a licence dismissed — Deer were killed by American hunters on game farm — Deer had been unlawfully imported into Saskatchewan — Appellant transported the deer to the US — Appeal court judge did not err by interpreting "domestic game farm animal" in the Domestic Game Farm Animal Regulations as requiring the animal be legally held — Appellant had not met the onus upon him to prove he fell within the exemption created by s. 13(2) of the Captive Wildlife Regulations.

Appeal by Alsager from the dismissal of his appeal from conviction for exporting wildlife from Saskatchewan without a licence. The appellant operated a booking agency for hunters who wanted to hunt wildlife on a licensed domestic game farm the appellant's father operated. The appellant assisted some American hunters to kill nine white-tailed deer and one elk on his father's game farm. The deer had been imported into Saskatchewan in 2002 and 2003 without an export and import licence. As a service to the American hunters, the appellant transported the deer, the elk antlers and the elk hide to the US. Since the deer were not uniquely identified, the appellant would not have been able to obtain an export certificate or licence to export the deer antlers. Exporting white-tailed deer without a licence was prohibited by s. 31(1) of the Wildlife Act unless the exemption in s. 13 of the Captive Wildlife Regulations applied to the appellant. At trial, the appellant argued the deer were domestic game farm animals, not wildlife, such that no export licence or permit was required. He also argued he was exempt because his father held a licence as a domestic game farm operator, and he acted as agent for his father. As a result, the appellant could export domestic game farm animals without a licence. The trial judge found the deer were wildlife. Since the deer had been illegally imported into Saskatchewan they were not lawfully held and thus did not meet the definition of domestic game farm animals. Therefore, an export licence was needed to lawfully export the antlers. The appellant also argued it was contrary to s. 7 of the Charter and his right to a fair trial to look to evidence pertaining to events that had occurred in 2002 and 2003, which did not result in a prosecution at that time, and for which defences might have existed. He also challenged the constitutionality of the reverse onus clause created by s. 13(2) of the Captive Wildlife Regulations.

HELD: Appeal dismissed. The summary conviction appeal court judge did not err by interpreting "domestic game farm animal" in the Domestic Game Farm Animal Regulations as

requiring the animal be legally held. No other interpretation accorded with the intention of the legislature to regulate the ingress and egress of captive wildlife to the province. The Domestic Game Farm Animal Regulations imposed a series of obligations on a person operating a domestic game farm. Under the Regulations, it was irrelevant the person who acquired the animal was the holder of a domestic game farm licence. It was the origin of the animal that was controlled. The legislation appropriately read required, but did not make available, an export licence for the exportation of domestic game farm animals not legally held. The summary conviction appeal court judge committed no error of law by sustaining the trial judge's finding the appellant had not met the onus upon him to prove he fell within the exemption created by s. 13(2) of the Captive Wildlife Regulations. The fact someone was not caught or prosecuted did not make the individual's action lawful. The Crown need not prosecute the principal before convicting the party.

Statutes, Regulations and Rules Cited:

Animal Products Act, R.S.S. 1978, c. A-20.2, s. 2, s. 17(1)(a), s. 17(1)(e), s. 17(1)(h), s. 17(1)(i), s. 17(3)

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, 1982, R.S.C. 1985, App. II, No. 44, Schedule B, s. 7, s. 11(d)

Captive Wildlife Regulations, R.R.S.C. 1985, c. W-13.1 Reg. 13, s. 13, s. 13(2)

Criminal Code, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-46, s. 813, s. 839

Domestic Game Farm Animal Regulations, R.R.S.C. 1985, c. A-20.2 Reg. 10, s. 2(b), s. 2(e), s. 2(r), s. 5, s. 9, s. 14, s. 15, s. 18, s. 18(2), s. 20

Wildlife Act, 1998, S.S. 1998, c. W-13.12, s. 23, s. 24, s. 31(1)(a), s. 74

Court Summary:

Disposition: Appeal Dismissed.

Appeal From:

On appeal from 2012 SKQB 516.

FAMILY LAW NORTH

TAMMI HACKL, CHAIR



Family Law North Executive for 2013-2014

Chair: Tammi D. Hackl, Scharfstein Gibbings Walen Fisher LLP

Vice Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Leslie G. Tallis, Scharfstein Gibbings Walen Fisher LLP

LLR Rep: Tammi D. Hackl, Scharfstein Gibbings Walen Fisher LLP

Section Activities in Saskatoon

In the past year, we hosted six luncheons between September, 2013 and May, 2014. Pat Loran spoke to the group about the effect of the recent Supreme Court of Canada decision of *L.M.P. v. L.S.* – The Effect of the Supreme Court of Canada’s Decision on Spousal Support Agreements between the Parties and provided a useful paper to the group regarding the consequences of incorporating a separation agreement regarding spousal maintenance into an order. Brent Barilla provided an update on how the spousal advisory guidelines are being used in Saskatchewan courts.

Sherry Woods gave a presentation on the interplay between the *Child & Family Services Act* and the *Children’s Law Act* as well some advice about what considerations you ought to take into account in determining whether you want to commence a *Children’s Law Act* application when there are Child & Family Services applications already in play.

Robin Freemont and Cecilia Rockel provided an update of the High Conflict Mediation program. Sherry Fitzsimmons made a presentation updating members on how to use Childview. She also discussed various issues to watch out for when using the program. Kelly Shaw gave a presentation on how to deal with self-represented litigants.

Our chair, Tammi Hackl, spoke to the group about various issues and initiatives being taken by the National section. In the fall, she distributed the link to the CBA National’s Tax Toolkit-an initiative that the CBA national had been working with the Department of Justice to prepare. The Toolkit provides information for both litigants and counsel with respect to various tax issues they may experience in the context of a marriage breakdown.

Plans are underway for next year. We plan to host 6 luncheon meetings between September, 2014 and June, 2015. We will be starting the season with a presentation from Glenn Gardner with respect to the new pilot mediation project. Deryk Kendall will be speaking to us in October about how to run a trial. Lana Wickstrom will be speaking to the group about Parenting Co-ordinators. Greg Walen, QC, will be speaking to the group about how to avoid complaints to the Law Society of Saskatchewan. We have also booked 2 judges to speak on topics of interest to them, however, at the time of the writing of this report, their fall schedules have not been completed and therefore the particular judges, dates and topics have not yet been determined.

This upcoming year (2015) is also the year for elections for the executive positions and plans are underway to encourage participation in the same.

PRIVACY & ACCESS LAW NORTH

SHANNON WHYLEY, CHAIR



Privacy & Access Law North Executive for 2013-2014

Chair: Shannon G. Whyley, MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP

Vice Chair: Kaylea M. Dunn, McKercher LLP

LLR Rep: Shannon G. Whyley, MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP

Section Activity

Our section had an active and successful year. We had four meetings this year and had some excellent speakers.

In October, 2013, Kim Bodnarchuk from the City of Saskatoon presented to our section on "Managing Privacy and Access Matters with a City/Local Authority."

In February, 2014, we had a joint session with Labour and Administrative Law North. Professor Allen Ponak presented on the topic of "Discipline and Discharge in Cases of Employee Misuse of Employer Technology".

In March, 2014, we had a joint session with Wills, Estates and Elder Law North. Tyler Wake of MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman presented to our sections on "Privacy Issues with Online Services After Death". He was assisted by Tyson Bull, Student-At-Law.

Finally, in May, 2014, a joint session is planned with Privacy and Access Law South via conference call. The speaker will be Beverly Cleveland of Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan. Beverly will be addressing the topic of "Canadian Anti-Spam Law (CASL) Compliance."

As a small section with limited membership, we have had challenges in past years with ensuring sufficient attendance to justify bringing in speakers (and taking them away from their otherwise busy work lives). This past year, we were able to boost our attendance by collaborating with other sections with joint sessions and topics of interest to more than one CBA section. As such, we intend to continue this successful initiative going forward.

We have appointed our executive for 2014-2015. Kaylea Dunn will be taking on the role of Chair and Shannon Whyley will move into the role of Vice-Chair.

We continue to encourage new members to join our section in this growing area of law. We would also welcome any interest from those who may wish to take on an executive role in future years.

PRIVACY & ACCESS LAW SOUTH

DAVID MELDRUM, CHAIR



Privacy & Access Law South was again an active section with five lunches held during the 2013-2014 year. Six lunch meetings were scheduled, however, the meeting scheduled for January 13, 2014, Privacy and Access Case Law Update, was cancelled due to the speaker's inability to participate. The focus on this year's presentations was highly concentrated on privacy and technological issues.

In 2013-14, we also managed to hold joint sessions with the North Section with South members dialing in to hear Speaker Alan Ponak speak in February on Employee Misuse of Employer Technology and the North members calling in to hear Beverly Cleveland speak to the anti-spam legislation in May.

Our topics and speakers for the year were as follows:

- December 2013: "Records Retention and Social Media" with David Meldrum, Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan
- January 2014: "Privacy and Access Case Law Update" with Gary Dickson, QC, Information and Privacy Commissioner
- February 2014: "Discipline and Discharge in Cases of Employee Misuse of Employer Technology" with Allan Ponak, Edwards School of Business
- March 2014: "CCTV and Privacy Issues" with Greg Fingas, Gerrard Rath Johnson
- April 2014: "Recommendations for Privacy Act Reform" with Reché McKeague, Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan
- May 2014: "Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation" with Beverly Cleveland, Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan

Our executive for 2014-2015 will remain unchanged from the previous year.

PUBLIC SECTOR & MUNICIPAL LAW SOUTH SECTION

JAYNE KRUEGER, CHAIR



The Public Sector and Municipal Law South Section holds five to six luncheon meetings per year in Regina. Guest speakers address topics of interest to members of the Section.

The Section combines the areas of public sector and municipal law, so the Executive attempts to choose topics of interest to lawyers in both of these areas of practice. Minutes of each meeting, along with any papers presented, are circulated to all members of the Section through the CBA Saskatchewan office.

Section Activity for 2013-2014

- September 24, 2013: "Operation of Public Registries Using a Private Sector Service Provider" with Catherine Benning, Director of Public Registry Administration
- October 22, 2013: "Developments for the Ministry of Government Relations" with The Honourable Jim Reiter, Minister of Government Relations and Minister for First Nations
- November 26, 2013: "Mandate for SaskBuilds" with Rupen Pandya, President and Chief Executive Officer of SaskBuilds
- January 28, 2014: "Role of Executive Council and the Government's Upcoming Agenda" with Douglas Moen, QC, Deputy Minister to the Premier
- February 25, 2014: "Developments in Aboriginal Law for the Public Sector" with Mitch McAdam, QC, Director of Aboriginal Law, Public Law, Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice and Attorney General
- March 25, 2014: "City of Regina Update" with Byron Werry, City of Regina City Solicitor

REAL PROPERTY & WILLS SOUTH

MARK KELLY, CHAIR



The group recently had all new executive, and spent the year getting comfortable into their role. We hosted 5 speakers throughout the 2013-2014 year, on a mix of subjects we believed would be of some interest to our membership.

These speakers included: Jackson Middleton on September 16th, 2013 - Changes to Residential Lending; Catherine Benning on November 18th, 2013 - Revisions to the *Condominium Property Act*; Online Conveyancing Software Providers - January 20th, 2014; Melissa Winder on March 17, 2014 - Role of Official Representative; and Tracy Langford and Wendy Seed on June 16, 2014 - Q/A on new Queen's

Bench Rules Part 16: Probate and Administration of Estate.

I also attended a consultation on Condominium Property Regulations in Regina put on by the Government of Saskatchewan. Revisions to the Condominium Property Regulations were expected in June 2014 at last update.

I did not attend many of the national telephone meetings for either the national wills or real property sections. Former Chair Kevin Jacques is actively involved in the real property national group. Our executive will find more ways to be involved next year.

The executive is exploring whether or not to divide the group into two separate sections. We will canvass the idea with the membership in the new year.

SECURITIES LAW NORTH

IVAN BERGERMAN, CHAIR

Securities Law North was an active and well-attended section for the five lunches held during the 2013-2014 year. One speaker had to cancel due to a last minute scheduling issue. Our focus was to engage presenters that represented a reasonable mix of senior legal securities practitioners and a number of industry professionals. Our intention was twofold, firstly to provide useful practice advice from seasoned securities practitioners and secondly to provide insight into different facets of the securities industry from professionals working in the securities industry. We found that attendance was greater when industry personnel were presenting so our focus in 2014/2015 will be to bring in a greater number of non-lawyer industry presenters.

Our sessions for the 2013-2014 year included:

- September 11, 2013: "Crowdfunding Regulation" with Andrea Johnson, Partner with Dentons
- October 9, 2013: "Corporate Governance Matters to Consider When Going Public" with Lynn Hnatick, MLT
- December 11, 2013: "How to syndicate an IIROC lead financing, roadshow and the successful company outcome" with Jeret Bode, Investment Banker, MGI Securities
- March 12, 2014: "Shareholder Rights Plans" with John Pringle, McKercher LLP
- April 9, 2014: "Securities Law Update" with Dallas Smith, Legal Securities Division, Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan

Our executive for 2014-2015 will remain unchanged. Ivan Bergerman will continue to serve as chair and Joe Gill will continue to serve as vice-chair.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION & GENDER IDENTITY CONFERENCE (SOGIC)

DAVID CULLETON, CHAIR



SOGIC Executive for 2013-2014

Chair: David Culleton , Justice Canada

Vice-Chair: Neil Karkut, Government of Saskatchewan

Secretary: Courtenay Phillips, Government of Saskatchewan

Section Activities

SOGIC has had a successful year in 2013-2014. On August 17, 2013 SOGIC hosted a reception at the James Hotel during the Canadian Legal Conference. The reception was a lively social gathering attended by members of the profession from across the country.

SOGIC held three luncheon meetings this year.

- On November 20th, 2013 Tom Irvine of the Constitutional Law Branch, Ministry of Justice gave a presentation in Regina on the 2013 decision of the *Supreme Court of Canada in Saskatchewan (Human Rights Commission) v. Whatcott*.
- On March 28th, 2014 Graeme Mitchell, QC of the Constitutional Law Branch, Ministry of Justice gave a presentation in Regina on the duty to disclose one's HIV status.
- On May 21st, 2014 Professor Ken Norman gave a presentation in Saskatoon on the necessity of adding gender expression and gender identity as prohibited grounds of discrimination in the Saskatchewan Human Rights Code.

On February 7th, 2014 SOGIC hosted another reception at the Mid-Winter Meeting in Regina. The reception was a success with approximately thirty people in attendance.

Our Chair attended the National SOGIC meeting in Winnipeg on April 4th and 5th, 2014 and reported on section activities and relevant developments in Saskatchewan.

Although there will be no regularly scheduled luncheon meetings, SOGIC will plan a number of meetings on relevant topics for the upcoming year. We also plan to present a continuing legal education session at the next Mid-Winter Meeting.

SOGIC is interested in partnering with other sections to have luncheon meetings on shared areas of interest.

WILLS ESTATES & ELDER LAW NORTH

HANNAH ZIP, CHAIR



Wills Estates & Elder Law North Executive for 2013-2014

Chair: Hannah Zip, Knott den Hollander
Vice-Chair: Vacant
Secretary: Vacant
LLR Rep: Hannah Zip, Knott den Hollander

We are pleased to report that the section activities for 2013-2014 were successful and well attended and that our membership grew from the previous year.

Our section meetings for 2013-2014 were as follows:

- September 18th, 2013: "Assessing Capacity of Client's for Estate Planning Purposes, including Wills and Powers of Attorney" with Dr. Lilian Thorpe, BSc, MSc, MD, PhD, FRCPC.
- October 9th, 2013: (Joint Meeting with Civil Litigation North) "Current Issues in Estate Litigation" with Robert G. Kennedy, QC, McDougall Gauley LLP
- November 20th, 2013: (Joint Meeting with Aboriginal Law North) "Aboriginal Estate Planning" with Aaron Starr, McKercher LLP
- February 19th, 2014: (Joint meeting with Alternative Dispute Resolution North) "Mediation of Estates: Working with high conflict families to reduce the risks of estate litigation" with Kathryn J. Ford, QC, Kathryn J. Law Office
- March 21st, 2014: (Joint meeting with Privacy & Access Law North) "Privacy Issues with Online Services after Death" with Tyler J. Wake, MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP
- April 16th, 2014: "An Overview of Charitable Giving from a Tax Practitioner's Perspective" with Stephen A. Miazga, MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP

WOMEN LAWYERS' FORUM NORTH

MICHELLE OUELLETTE, QC, CHAIR



Women Lawyers' Forum North Executive for 2013-2014

Chair: Michelle Ouellette, QC, McKercher LLP

Vice-Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Terri Uhrich, K+S Potash Canada

The Women Lawyers' Forum (WLF) – North has a small but enthusiastic membership, often joined by those with Roving Section Memberships. Our meetings generally include experienced practitioners and newer members of the Bar. In 2013-2014 we met for four evening meetings. The group has decided that the evening/after-work time generally works

better than noon hour meetings.

Our meetings consisted of the following:

- In October, 2013 we planned a "Speed Mentoring" session in which our experienced members were asked to bring a mentoring tip or two, and our more junior members were to bring a practice question. The format was meant to be a series of rotating 5-minute conversations to facilitate a high degree of one-to-one interaction, but due to an imbalance in attendance that evening, we adjusted the format and had a lively exchange of experience on thriving in practice. We'll revisit the "speed-mentoring" format.
- January's meeting was a viewing and discussion of Sheryl Sandberg's TED talk: "Why we have too few women leaders" and the book inspired by her talk, "Lean In".
- In March we had a thought-provoking presentation by Beth Bilson, QC, Susan Robertson and Elizabeth Quinlan, all of the University of Saskatchewan, and authors of the Report to the Law Society of Saskatchewan, CBA Saskatchewan and The Law Foundation of Saskatchewan on "Women and the Legal Profession in Saskatchewan: National and Historical Comparisons". This was clearly a topic of interest as it was the largest attendance to date.
- At our May meeting, we challenged ourselves to think about the unique talents that women bring to business and the practice of law. Our discussion was lead by two dynamic and successful women: Michele Hollins, QC, National Vice-President of the Canadian Bar Association, and Jennifer Koury, Vice-President Human Resources and Community Engagement, BHP Billiton.

The WLF – North has an ambitious list of potential topics for the 2014-2015 season. While the program has not been finalized we may follow up with a "Lean In debate", meet with law students at the College of Law, look at interdisciplinary practices, consider different practice and fee models, address financial planning for women, explore technology options, share favourite vacation locations, learn about law-related boundaries in social media and talk about women in law... from a male perspective. Our discussions will generally be on topics geared toward women in the legal profession.

YOUNG LAWYERS SOUTH

KELLY CANHAM, CHAIR



Youth Lawyers South Executive for 2013-2014

The 2013-2014 CBA Young Lawyers South Section Executive was made up of the following individuals:

Chair: Kelly Canham, McDougall Gauley LLP

Vice-Chair: Kristél Kriel, MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP

LLR Rep: Kelly Canham, McDougall Gauley LLP

The section meetings for the year included:

- October 10th, 2013: "Managing Your Practice – How to Deal with Partners, Clients and the Public" with Ronald Gates, QC, Gates & Company
- November 14th, 2013: "Financial Planning for Young Lawyers" with Nadège Koskamp, Investors Group
- December 12th, 2013: "Surviving the First 10 Years of the Law" with James Korpan, McDougall Gauley LLP
- February 13th, 2014: "Marketing, Networking and Developing your Corporate and/or Commercial or Litigation Practices" with Randy Brunet and Michael Tocher, QC, MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP
- March 13th, 2014: "Preventing and Managing Law Society Complaints" with Valerie Payne, Complaints Counsel, The Law Society of Saskatchewan
- April 24th, 2014: "Q & A with a Saskatchewan Court of Appeal Justice" with The Honourable Justice Neal Caldwell, Court of Appeal of Saskatchewan

The Young Lawyers South Chapter met almost every month from October to April to discuss various topics of interest to the group. This year we were very fortunate to have a number of exceptional speakers.

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